State of California **Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research

1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

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PROJECT TITLE: Develop Loafer Creek Sewer System Access Routes

LOCATION: Lake Oroville State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Butte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Develop vehicle and equipment access routes to perform preventative maintenance and repairs to sewer lines and manhole entry points in the Loafer Creek area of Lake Oroville State Recreation Area. Widen 1300 lineal feet of existing trail and develop 710 lineal feet of gravel road in three areas: (1) the entrance road to Loafer Creek Horse Camp; (2) the trail behind employee residence; and (3) the access route to Manhole 4. Install a total of six new security gates, two per access route segment. The majority of project activity will take place directly above the existing sewer line alignment, and no more than four inches of soil will be disturbed throughout the project area. In consultation with a DPR-qualified archaeologist, previously-documented culturally sensitive areas shall be flagged for avoidance during all project-related activities. Project activities in and near culturally sensitive areas identified by the DPR-qualified archaeologist shall be monitored by the same, or by his/her designee.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation **DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Northern Buttes District

EXEMPT STATUS:

 □ Categorical Exemption Class: 3, 4 Section: 15303, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of development of access roads of reasonable length to maintain the Loafer Creek sewer system; installation of 6 new small structures (gates); and minor alteration in the condition of public land and vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. These actions are consistent with the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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